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c. 1885

Maulsby District  
136-148 Maulsby  
Bel Air  
Private

This double row of 13 tenant houses, 12 single family units and one double unit (145-147), on Maulsby is a unique district of workingman's housing in Bel Air. When the railroad came to Bel Air in 1883 it brought great change. Warehouses for the expanding Harford County canning industry sprang up around the tracks and business activity around the station increased. Mrs. Mary Dallam subdivided her lands around the railroad in 1883 and called the district Major Dallam's Addition. Around 1885 these two rows of houses were built by Joseph Streett. Around 1905 it was called Streett's Row. The district may have been Bel Air's first speculative sub-division.

The houses are typical two bay shotgun houses, but they have the unusual touch of a bracketed cornice. Most of them have shed-roofed porches, although two have gable-roofed porches.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Maulsby - District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

136 - 148 Maulsby

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air  
STATE

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                                     | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE                            |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT              | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION               |
|  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                        |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple: see continuation sheet

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

— VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: Multiple: see #4  
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This group of 13 tenant houses is on both sides of Maulsby just west of Mast in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The basic house is a two bay shot-gun, two stories tall, covered in asphalt shingle. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. The roofs are flat. The only decorative touch is the brackets supporting the thin cornice at the top. Each house has a porch. Most are shed roofed carried on plain square posts. Number 137 and 141 have gable-roofed porches and thicker posts. Several porches are enclosed. Entrances alternate between west and east bays. They have a two pane transom over a glass and panel door. A single story shed addition to the rear completes these simple workingman's homes.

Number 145-47, the westernmost on the south side of the street is a duplex but is merely a double of the others.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES     c. 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This double row of 13 tenant houses, 12 single family units and one duplex (145-147), on Maulsby is a unique district of workingman's housing in Bel Air. When the railroad came to Bel Air in 1883 it caused a great deal of change. Warehouses for the expanding Harford County canning industry sprang up around the track. The business activity around the station increased, and Mrs. Mary Dallam subdivided lands she owned north of the tracks and west of Rockspring. "Major Dallam's addition to Bel Air" or Dallam's First Addition was recorded July 21, 1883, in the County land records (49/183). It consisted of 18 lots between the tracks and what is now Dallam Avenue. Most of the lots sold in the next two years. Joseph Streett bought lots #3-6 on the south side of Maulsby for \$800 in October 1883 (49/236). Lots #5 and #6 house six tenant houses, five singles and a duplex, built in 1885. These are #139-147 in the Maulsby District. The date of the houses on the north side (136-148) is uncertain but the similar detailing suggests a similar date. The land, lots #11 and #12, was sold by Mrs. Dallam to Noble L. Mitchell for \$700 in August 1884 (52/56). He sold them to John H. L. Watts in 1886 for \$750 (57/374). The tenant houses must have been built shortly thereafter, but there is no indication in the documents. The property stayed in the Watts family until 1926 when it was sold to Joseph Kraft (195/422). There are indications that Street built 10 tenant houses in all there on Maulsby in 1884 and 1885. Perhaps he built them all, and yet the north lots (11 & 12) sold for \$750 in 1886, just \$50 more than they had brought in 1884. At any rate, the houses on both sides of the street are similar - speculative housing built in the last quarter of the 19th century. Their exteriors are very little changed today. The two on the south side of the street (137 and 141) have different porches. A couple of porches have been enclosed. That is all.

This area seems to have been white as Alice Anne Street was, then and later, black. Around 1905 part of it was known as Street's Row.

Today the houses on the south side, except for the duplex, are owner-occupied, and their condition shows it. Those on the north side are rental units.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**Harford Democrat

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

These properties occupy parcels #159-162 and #238-241 in the  
Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

21 August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

39 Hickory Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created  
by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the  
Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,  
1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information  
and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-  
ment of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1504 - HA-1515

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

some

PRESENT USE: private residence/rental

ORIGINAL USE: tenant houses

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good ( )

Fair (X) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT: c. 1885

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 136-148 Maulsby

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence

OWNER: multiple

ADDRESS: see Inventory form

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone(X) Brick( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( ) Balloon( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( ) Stone( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
  - C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( ) Board and Batten( ) Wood Shingle( ) Shiplap( )  
Novelty( ) Stucco( ) Sheet Metal( ) Aluminum( ) Asphalt Shingle(X)  
Brick Veneer( ) Stone Veneer( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood( ) Iron( ) Steel( ) Concrete( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( ) Wood Shingle( ) Asphalt Shingle( ) Sheet Metal( )  
Built Up( ) Rolled( ) Tile( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches(X) Towers( ) Cupolas( ) Dormers( ) Chimneys(X) Sheds(X) Ells( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable( ) Hip( ) Shed( ) Flat(X) Mansard( ) Gambrel( ) Jerkinhead( )  
Saw Tooth( ) With Monitor( ) With Bellcast( ) With Parapet( ) With False Front( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 2 x 3 plus shed

Approximate Dimensions: 10' x 15'

Entrance Location: Maulsby

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat( ) Zoning( ) Roads( )

Development(X) Deterioration( )

Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive( ) Negative( )

Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Original: shed roof porch with plain posts  
 windows 6/6 ex front elev 2/2  
 door transom over door 2 pane door: glass & panel  
 decorated cornice: carved brackets  
 some porches enclosed  
 shot-gun style  
 last on S. side = duplex 13 of them  
 7 on N. side 7 units on S.  
 6 houses

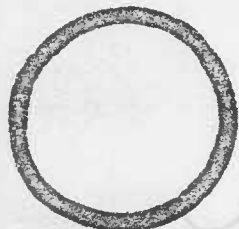
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Workingman's housing

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



Hand-drawn map showing a series of 'X' marks representing buildings. The word 'Maulsby' is written across the middle. Below the 'X' marks, the word 'duplex' is written. To the right of the 'X' marks, the word 'MAST' is written vertically. There are also some numbers and other markings around the 'X' marks.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
 Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
 Residential(X) Commercial( )  
 Agricultural( ) Industrial(X)  
 Roadside Strip Development( )  
 Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:  
 Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
 13 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:



OWNERS: MAULSBY DISTRICT

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 136     | North Side<br>Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Bull      no phone<br>102 Powell Avenue<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      644/595      p. 162 |
| 138-144 | William F. Matthews<br>150 Nichols Street<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      521/128      p. 161                                     |
| 146     | Lawrence K. Hubble<br>306 Robin Hood Road<br>Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078<br>1049/181      p. 160                               |
| 148     | Albert M. Clark<br>148 Maulsby<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      1035/187      p. 159   |
| 139     | South Side<br>Joseph A. Mc Greevy      838-4095<br>139 Maulsby Avenue<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      328/53      p. 241          |
| 137     | Jesse P. Lovelace      838-2885<br>137 Maulsby Avenue<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      1003/507      p. 242                        |
| 141     | Herman S. Sherman      838-3498<br>141 Maulsby Avenue<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      479/108      p. 240                         |
| 143     | Lena R. Brewer      838-4964<br>143 Maulsby Avenue<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      697/355      p. 239                            |
| 145-47  | Gaither C. Testerman      838-3806<br>503 La Rosa Street<br>Bel Air, Maryland 21014      273/409      p. 238                      |























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Maulsby Dist. 136-148 Maulsby, Bel Air  
N. side of Maulsby, looking e.  
M. Larner, 1979







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